Quaternions in mathematical physics (2): Analytical bibliography

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Abstract

This is part two of a series of four methodological papers on (bi)quaternions and their use in theoretical and mathematical physics: 1 - Alphabetical bibliography, 2 - Analytical bibliography, 3 - Notations and definitions, and 4 - Formulas and methods.

This quaternion bibliography will be further updated and corrected if necessary by the authors, who welcome any comment and reference that is not contained within the list.



Living report, to be updated and corrected by the authors, first published on the occasion of the bicentenary of the birth of William Rowan Hamilton (1805–2005).

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2 Introduction

The purpose of the present analytical bibliography is to present a selection, but as comprehensive as possible, of the use of biquaternions in theoretical and mathematical physics, with an emphasis on their applications to fundamental rather than applied topics.¹

This bibliography is already available as an alphabetic list [1]. But, in that form, it is not much more useful than the internet. What is needed is a logically sorted bibliography — an analytical bibliography that can be used by physicists to solve a problem, and by mathematicians to see what is of interest to physicists.

As is well known to anybody who has tried to classify a large set of scientific papers, sorting a bibliography is a very difficult and time-consuming task: It took us over ten years to bring this bibliography into its present form.

Of course, there is a certain amount of subjectivity and arbitrariness in designing any classification scheme. For this reason there will be a few sentences of introduction at the beginning of every subset of papers, explaining what is being collected in every chapter and section of the bibliography.

Similarly, in this general introduction, we would like to explain what we mean by "mathematical physics," the concept which appears in the titles of this series of methodological papers [1, 2, 3, 4], and which is our main thread in compiling and sorting our alphabetical and analytical bibliographies.

According to Ludvig Faddeev, "the main goal of mathematical physics is the use of mathematical intuition for the derivation of really new results in fundamental physics" [5]. In the present case, the mathematical tool is complex quaternion algebra and analysis, which is so well suited to physics in our four-dimensional world that there is no important fundamental result which cannot be elegantly formulated and concisely derived using biquaternions, and only few quaternionic generalizations of fundamental theories which do not correspond to physical reality. This is, in a forceful way, the confirmation of the validity of "Hamilton's conjecture," the intuition that motivated Hamilton's dedication to quaternions, and their applications to physics, for most of the second half of his life (see Ref. [13] in Sec. 6.1).

However, this bibliography is not restricted to just papers in which quaternions or biquaternions are used explicitly: it also covers papers in which a hypercomplex coordinate-free whole-symbol system allied to quaternions is used (e.g., Clifford-

¹The only exceptions to this rule are papers or books of general interest, and papers included for completeness when they are important to understand other papers.

numbers, Pauli vector-matrices, Eddington-numbers, semivectors, two-component spinors, twistors, etc.), and papers in which a quaternion or biquaternion structure plays a central role. The kind of papers that are not included are those in which a strictly conventional matrix-type formalism is used (e.g., the Pauli- or Dirac-matrix formalisms), and papers which have not been published (or would not qualify to appear) in peer-reviewed journals.

An important criterion used in compiling our bibliography is that it includes only papers which we have read, so that we were able to attach a few keywords to each entry in the reference list. These keywords have the format %%KEYWORD, where "%" is the symbol used for comments in TeX so that they do not appear in the compiled bibliography, and where KEYWORD is always written in capital letters and in the singular. However, the keywords are visible and can be searched for in the TeX-source of the bibliography. As a matter of fact, this is how the present "analytical" bibliography was created starting from the "alphabetical" one. For this reason the titles of the following chapters, Chaps. 3 to 9, and their sections, are nothing but the main keywords attached to every reference listed in them.

Finally, in Chap. 10, at the end of the bibliography, we detail the conventions used for the labels and styles of all types of references, of which typical examples are given in Sec. 10.6.

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3 MATHEMATICS

This chapter contains a selection of mathematical quaternion-papers which are of direct interest to mathematical physics. It not does contain however numerous papers or books in which quaternions, biquaternions, or quaternion structures are primarily studied or used in the context of "pure mathematics."

While the concept of quaternion as defined by Hamilton has a universal acceptance, it should be stressed that there are several definitions for related concepts such as "biquaternions" and "pseudo-" or "generalized-" quaternions. As is explained in our paper on notations and terminology, Ref. [3] of Chap. 2, we remain as much possible consistent with Hamilton's original definitions. For example, just like quaternions will always be elements $x \in \mathbb{H}$, the term biquaternion will always refer to Hamilton's complexified quaternions (i.e., $x \in \mathbb{B}$), and not to Cayley's (which are now called "octonions," $x \in \mathbb{O}$), or to Clifford's (which are in a way an anticipation of Penrose's "twistors").²

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Papers in which fields are expressed in curved space-time are collected in Sec. 4.6.

Papers dealing with specific applications are collected in Chap. 6 or 7. For example, Sec. 5.2 in the present chapter contains theoretical papers on Dirac's equation and field, while Sec. 7.1 contains papers in which Dirac's equation is applied to atomic physics.

The use of biquaternions naturally implies formulations in which Minkowski's metric and Einstein's relativity are automatically implemented. However, papers in which Galilean relativity and non-relativistic limits are considered can also be written using quaternions or biquaternions in such a way that the relations to Minkowski's metric and Einstein's relativity are hidden or lost. For example, Pauli's equation for a non-relativistic spin $\frac{1}{2}$ field can be written as a purely real quaternion equation. Such papers are also collected in this chapter.

5.1 SPIN-1 (MAXWELL, PROCA)

This section contains papers on Maxwell's and Proca's equations and fields, as well as papers on spin 0 fields when they are discussed in conjunction with spin 1 fields.

Applications are in sections ELECTRODYNAMICS and QUANTUM-ELECTRODYNAMICS, i.e., Secs. 6.4 and 7.2.

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Papers such as Lanczos's which relates to fields with spin 0 to $\frac{3}{2}$ but whose main emphasis is spin $\frac{1}{2}$ are included in this section.

Applications are in sections QUANTUM-PHYSICS and QUANTUM-ELEC-TRODYNAMICS, i.e., Secs. 7.1 and 7.2. 7.2.

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Moreover, as was explained in Chap. 2, the bibliography also includes selected papers in which a formalism allied to quaternions is used (e.g., semivectors or Clifford numbers), especially if these papers could have been written using quaternions rather than the closely related formalism.

On the other hand, the numerous papers which use a standard tensor or matrix formalism (e.g., the Pauli- or Dirac-matrices, and the corresponding two- or four-component formalisms) are excluded from the bibliography. The reason for

this exclusion is conceptual rather than conventional (because Pauli's matrices are actually very closely related to Hamilton's quaternion units). The reason is that the emphasis of standard formalisms is on the vector-space structure supported by them, while the emphasis of the biquaternion formalism is on the full algebraic structure (vector-space and multiplication ring) provided by the biquaternion algebra.

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However, this chapter covers only the major formalisms allied to quaternions, i.e., only those which have gained some level of popularity, and not the many formalisms that have been, and continue to be, introduced.

Since these formalisms have been invented after the discovery of quaternions, the related sections are listed in the historical order in which they were introduced.³

8.1 OCTONION ("Cayley's numbers")

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9 MISCELLANEA

9.1 HISTORY and APPRECIATION

Historical papers on quaternions and on Hamilton (1805-1865), as well as some appreciations of quaternions and Hamilton's devotion to them.

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